



Building Community through the Arts

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Students create mosaic tile murals with artist Linda Billet

Students in the Project YES summer program through Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 will work with Linda Billet, artist in residence, to create a mosaic tile mural to hang permanently at the TIU 11 offices in the PA Careerlink Mifflin County. Project YES is a prevention program that serves at-risk middle school (6th-7th grade) youth. Billet will work with students from June 17 -27.

The students will create colorful abstract designs for the mural, which will be in three sections. Billet will talk to the students about her creative process, as well as why she works with these specific materials.

"I am excited to work with the students to create something that enhances the beauty of the space and something they can see every time they come to the building," Billet said.

Shelby Liebegott, Manager for Youth Projects at the Intermediate Unit said, "We are so excited to host Linda Billet and can't wait to see what she and students create."

The residency is supported by Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) funding through the Arts in Education program. Perry County Council of the Arts (PCCA) is the local partner who arranges and oversees the residencies. The Intermediate Unit provided some funding. Additional funders through Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donations to PCCA are DuMor, Inc., Orrstown Bank, Pennian Bank, PPL Electric Utilities, UPMC Health Benefits, and Weis Markets, Inc.

About Linda Billet Linda Billet is a glass artisan working in two disciplines: fusing and mosaic, which offer her much creative freedom. Her greatest love is to be in her own shop, using the tools she has accumulated over the years, while working with her own hands. In 2011, she began sharing her love of glass in residencies. But, just as she has combined mosaic and fusing, she is working toward projects with a large enough budget to combine her own skilled glass work with residency work. In the past, she has directed 30 groups of people with little or no glass experience to create amazing mosaics that they are proud of. Her goal is to always surpass the last project.

About Arts in Education

Arts in Education funding comes from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), an agency in the Office of the Governor, through an annual appropriation by the Pennsylvania General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Funding requires a local match. The local partner agency is Perry County Council of the Arts (PCCA). Through artist residencies the program

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